

LOG OF MEETING

DATE: April 12, 2010

LOCATION: CPSC, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda MD 20814

SUBJECT: Courtesy Call: American Apparel and Footwear Association visited with Commissioner Adler

ATTENDEES: Rebecca Mond and Steve Lamar, American Apparel & Footwear Association; Marci Kinter, Specialty Graphic Imaging Association; Bill Weisberger, Lion Button; Tom Hill, Polo Ralph Lauren; and Nathan Fleisig, Outerstuff.

OBSERVERS: Peter Kasperowicz, Sidley Austin; Mary Foley, Product Safety Letter

CPSC ATTENDEES: Robert Adler, Commissioner; Jason Levine, Legal Counsel

MEETING SUMMARY: The AAFA representatives focused most of their discussion on the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA) and the CPSC's steps to implement the CPSIA. In general, the representatives were appreciative of the existing determinations made by the CPSC, but were concerned that some of the determinations, such as the fabric determination, were in need of amending to make them more applicable to actual manufacturing processes. There was also discussion of the differences between inks on fabric in the substrate versus inks that can be felt because they are raised on the surface of the fabric, and a request to treat these two circumstances differently. The representatives also expressed great concern regarding the costs of the third-party testing required under the CPSIA. Lastly, there was a short discussion of the tracking label requirements of the CPSIA, and a request for greater flexibility regarding the data on the label – as long as the consumer could access the required information. Commissioner Adler stated that he hoped the forthcoming “15 month rule” would address many of the raised concerns, but urged the representatives to submit public comments regarding their concerns.

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